

DATE: 6 Dec 1973

TO: Mr. Proctor

FROM: 

SUBJECT: U-2 versus SR-71 over Cuba

## REMARKS:

1. My State Department counterpart has just informed me that the JRC/JCS will probably soon propose that the SR-71 be substituted for the U-2 on overflights of Cuba. Dr. Kissinger has given a preliminary, off-the-cuff "Why not?".

2. The issue has arisen due to the DoD's heavy use of the limited fleet of U-2's they control both in Southeast Asia and in the U.S. for research programs, training and other commitments as well as some budgetary problems they are facing. They have proposed this before but have been turned down. This time they proposed it to Mr. Schlesinger who called Dr. Kissinger directly.

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